

Sports

Philadelphia Phillies vs. New York Yankees

Pitching Match-up:

PHI:	NYN:
S. O'Sullivan	C. Sabathia
1-5, 4.79 ERA	3-7, 5.31 ERA

New York Mets vs. Milwaukee Brewers

Pitching Match-up:

NYM:	MIL:
J. Niese	M. Fiers
3-7, 4.21 ERA	3-7, 4.50 ERA



Around the Sports World

- Report: Pete Rose bet on Reds as player
- Ex-MLB player Darryl Hamilton killed in Murder-Suicide
- ATL Hawks GM, Danny Ferry, resigns
- Charlotte gets 2017 NBA All Star Game
- USWNT beats Colombia; advances to quarterfinals

NCAA College World Series:

Game 2 : 8 PM ET
Omaha, Nebraska

Vanderbilt vs. Virginia

FIFA Women's World Cup:

Round of 16 Matchup: 6 PM ET
Japan vs. Netherlands



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Freedom of the Press, Freedom to Petition, and Freedom to do Nothing

Liam Quinn

“To develop good citizens of the United States of America by inspiring the youth of New Jersey to take a more active and intelligent interest in the operation of our State and Nation...”

That is an excerpt from the ALJBS Mission Statement. The goal of Boys State is to encourage delegates to run for office and help govern a fictitious state. Delegates can run for a multitude of positions such as mayor of their city or even governor of the entire state. While these titles are significant during the week at Boys State, after everyone leaves the Rider University campus, they will no longer be fire chiefs, or city councilmen, or state senators, but rather just regular high school students. So do these elections really matter? Many delegates seem to think so.

One such delegate is Jefferson City mayor Michael Maver. “I chose mayor because I can get involved, and getting involved is very important.”

He also said that this opportunity will give him experience for the real world as he has always wanted to run for public office.

However, not all statesmen are like Mayor Maver. There are a few who chose not to run for anything, not even the relatively light job of postmaster. One statesman who did not run (and who wishes to stay anonymous) said he did not run for anything because he thinks “this [Boys State program] already looks good on a resume, so I didn’t need to run.”

These differences of opinion highlight an apparent disparity in the attitudes of the delegates. It is worth noting that some statesmen seem to just be along for the ride and don’t want to drive despite what the Boys State Mission Statement encourages, however, the majority of boys seem to be involved with some political cause.

Party News

Jordon DeGrotte and Payton Kelly-McNally

Nationalists: Nationalists meeting of Vandenburg County brought the best out of many of the candidates. Voting will come down to a choice between candidate personality and ideas.

Federalists: Federalism has overtaken Bradley County, with both mayors and a majority of each city council being a part of the Federalist Party.

Today's Weather

Low of 63
High of 97
Possible Thunderstorms after 3 pm

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Quote of the Day

“Our real problem, then, is not our strength today; it is rather the vital necessity of action today to ensure our strength tomorrow.”
Dwight D. Eisenhower

News

Careers in Engineering, What Happened?

Jassen Buerano

The Engineering Seminar was packed, exemplifying how teens today are flocking into this growing field. The seminar was so full that people were turned away for being late. For those of you who were not lucky enough to attend, the seminar was extremely informative. It was presented by Morgan Jolley, who works for BAE Systems, a large defense firm in the United States. This company is responsible for the creation of technology like missiles and drones. While Morgan does not necessarily work on these programs, he works on the camera systems as an optical engineer. This means he works on the lenses and optics of these weapons. He then went on to explain how to become an engineer, telling the attendees that they must be good in a variety of skills such as software. He then told us that we do not necessarily have to major in engineering and that in fact, many of his colleagues studied physics with a focus on optics.

The other presenter was Robert Vallee, a business owner. Though not an engineer, he is a surveyor. This is much like a real world application of engineering as he puts designs to reality. His story differs from our vision of college. He encourages one to take the cheapest route to college, even if it means to go to a local county college at first. He says that one does not have to go to the most expensive college to be successful in the field of engineering, as he himself took a different route to success.



One Side to Another!

Payton Kelly-McNally

On the first night of Boy's State this week, after a long day of ceremonies and introductions, Taylor city came alive. The Taylorites had explained to themselves, like the rest of the cities, the possible choices for their municipal government. What made Taylor city so different and interesting was its complete sway of opinion from a Strong Mayoral System to a Mayor-Council Administration. At first everyone but two or so wanted a strong mayoral system until one delegate stood up and explained the benefits of the Mayoral-Council System and completely overturned everyone's opinions. So this week, when the masses have a different opinion, don't be afraid to speak up because when the right facts are presented to people, anything can happen.

Bridge Over Troubled Watergate

Caleb Herbst

Lincoln City's previous mayor recently conducted a so-called "traffic study" on the Union Bridge that connects Lincoln City and Johnson City, which created a huge traffic jam. The situation took a turn for the worse when the traffic jam caused a school bus full of six year-olds to crash. Due to the severity of the traffic jam, EMTs were unable to reach the first-graders for over an hour. Luckily no one was seriously injured in the crash.

Lincoln City's previous mayor is now under a lot of scrutiny for conducting the so-called "study." Many people claim that the "study" was actually conducted as a way of exacting revenge on Johnson City's previous mayor, who did not endorse Lincoln City's previous mayor's run for governor. The scandal has a chance of tearing apart Bradley County, which is made up of Lincoln City and Johnson City.

Yesterday, Lincoln City elected Jordon DeGroote (Fed) to replace its previous mayor. Johnson City also had a changing of the guard, as it elected John Collins III (Fed). Both of the new mayors are looking to move on from the scandal. DeGroote told The Jersey Statesman that the scandal "is a classic example of the corrupt political machine that has dominated Bradley County," but he hopes to reverse the trend: "I am working to root out [corruption] as Lincoln City's mayor." As for Collins III, he endorsed DeGroote in DeGroote's campaign for County Executive, symbolizing the renewed friendship between the cities.

Opinion

3rd Parties as a Second Option

Jordon DeGroote

As American Legion Jersey Boys State opened its doors to nearly a thousand bright-eyed and quick-witted delegates within Rider University, Hayes Kennedy's idea came to fruition for the 70th time in New Jersey. After studying statutes, running for office, and now executing the duties and responsibilities of their positions, students were beginning to embody the unique principles of American democracy, or so it seemed. Within this social experiment, delegates are randomly assigned to one of two political parties, the Nationalists and the Federalists. Throughout the week, the delegates compete for party supremacy throughout the Boys State competition. However, there are questions as to whether or not this truly allows for the simulation of democracy. In George Washington's Farewell Address, he warned our nation against the dangers of political parties, and the perils of a fractured American body politic. However, our country has significantly strayed from this initial concept. The Founding Fathers refused to align with political parties during the constitutional convention in our nation's early dawn, but now it seems that our two-party system dominates the elected offices of America.

So if America is yet to reach its democratic potential, why hinder Boys State in its pursuit for idealism? By only allowing for the simulation of the two-party political system, delegates will graduate without a comprehensive understanding of the different options in America's democracy. They will not learn the powers of a 3rd party minority and its ability to advance the political conversation. They will not learn the important lessons practiced by Eugene Debs, Ross Perot, or Ralph Nader. Or perhaps Boys State could moderate a better democratic simulation with the nonexistence of political parties altogether. Imagine the increased efficiency of the operations without the petty operations of party politics.

The truth is, the betterment of Boys State is entirely a practice in hypothetical exercises. It is uncertain whether it would benefit from 3rd parties, or no parties, or possibly the continuation of the 2-party system. Even though the answers are unclear, the questions must be asked; in fact, that is the essence of democracy. The system must be continually improved upon, both American democracy and ALJBS, for it to maintain its

Opinion Editorial: Leonard Lance vs. Daniel R. Benson

Junlan Lu



The speech delivered by Congressman Leonard Lance certainly polarized us ALJBS delegates. After many heated questions were asked towards Lance on his fervent opinions on the stance of the United States in relation to other countries around the world, Assemblyman Daniel R. Benson addressed us in a calm and collected presentation without using words, such as "America", "best", and "gentlemen". Although I do love living in America, I believe, gentlemen, that blindly exclaiming that its economic system, energy policies, and standard of living are far superior to those of other nations

is not a healthy way to manage government. Instead, it is important to acknowledge the ways that America can improve, gentlemen. Benson, on the other hand, seemed to acknowledge the problems within our government by answering our question solely on a public policy basis. As someone who grew up in a family of minority background, I can't help but sympathize with some of the issues Assemblymen Benson supports such as creating an effective way to naturalize current illegal residents, promoting science and technology in schools, and supporting clean energy initiatives, gentlemen. Being the political pundit that I am, gentlemen, I couldn't help but read up on the bills that Benson sponsored in our own State Legislature. For example, he established Carbon Monoxide and Nitrogen Dioxide regulation and even created a pilot program in the Department of Education to fund non-traditional STEM programs, gentlemen. Benson clearly has his priorities straight by promoting science literacy as well as an environmental sense of urgency, gentlemen. Maybe it was my inner scientist rooting for him. Maybe it was my liberal political views. Regardless, gentlemen, go Assemblyman Benson!